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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO

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FROM: HQ AFMC/CEV

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SUBJECT: Policy on Reimbursement of Hazardous Material Spills Supplies, Equipment,
and Disposal

1. As the environmental budget gets tighter, it becomes increasingly important to identify the funding responsibilities of organizations that use, store, or dispense hazardous materials or petroleum products, and/or dispose of their resulting wastes. Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, 29 CFR 1910.120, and Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Program, AFI 32-4002, require each organization to have an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) (i.e., site specific spill plan) which includes adequate spill equipment and supplies to respond to a release resulting from their activities. This is part of the organization's operational requirements and, therefore, the purchase of the supplies and equipment, as well as the disposal of any resulting waste is an organizational responsibility and must be included in the organization's budget.
2. When an organization causes a spill or environmental release in excess of its clean-up ability using their own human resources, the ERP identifies those response actions from the fire department (i.e., spill containment) and the base emergency response team. This is also part of each organization's operational costs. Therefore, the cost of equipment, material, hazardous waste disposal, and any response or disposal contract cost must be direct funded or reimbursed by the organization causing the spill. Reimbursements will be used to purchase replacement equipment and supplies.
3. Defense Maintenance Activities Group, (formerly DMBA) (HQ AFMC/CEV memo, 11 Dec 96, Atch 1), Air Reserve Components, (HQ AFMC/CEV memo, 29 Sep 97, Atch 2), and other tenants are also responsible for funding their own hazardous material and environmental clean-ups on our installations. It is preferable that these expenses be direct funded from the organization versus reimbursed. Otherwise, you must set up reimbursement authority through your center FM. The support agreement for each of these organizations should include this requirement.
4. Activities that have a history of spills or releases should be advised to include a line item in their budget for spill clean-up caused by their activities. The Environmental Protection

Committee, Facilities Board and all organizational commanders should be advised of this policy and made aware of these funding responsibilities.

5. We recognize that some equipment and supplies used by Environmental Management and the base emergency response team must be replaced periodically as the result of fair wear and tear. When justified, we will continue to fund these types of items from the Environmental Compliance Program budget.

6. Our POC for this action is Chuck Calvert, HQ AFMC/CEVC, DSN 787-8986, e-mail chuck.calvert@wpafb.af.mil.



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Attachments:

1. HQ AFMC/CEV Memo, 11 Dec 96
2. HQ AFMC/CEV Memo, 29 Sep 97

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